

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NO.   | FILING DATE                       | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|--|
| 09/989,448  | 11/21/2001                        | Adrian Velthuis      | 08011.3012-00       | 1416             |  |
|   | 7590 04/27/200<br>IENDERSON FARAF | EXAMINER             |                     |                  |  |
| FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER<br>LLP<br>901 NEW YORK AVENUE, NW<br>WASHINGTON, DC 20001-4413 |                                   |                      | CARLSON, JEFFREY D  |                  |  |
|   |                                   |                      | ART UNIT            | PAPER NUMBER     |  |
|   |                                   |                      | 3622                | ,                |  |
|   |                                   |                      |                     |                  |  |
|   |                                   | ·                    | MAIL DATE           | DELIVERY MODE    |  |
|   |                                   |                      | 04/27/2007          | PAPER            |  |

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief

| Application No. | Applicant(s)    |  |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| 09/989,448      | VELTHUIS ET AL. |  |
| Examiner        | A -4 11 - 14    |  |
| Examiner        | Art Unit        |  |

|  | Jeffrey D. Carlson   | 3622   |   |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| The MAILING DATE of this communication appe  | ears on the cover sheet with the c   | correspondence add   | ress                                      |  |  |  |  |
| THE REPLY FILED 30 March 2007 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 1.  The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or or this application, applicant must timely file one of the folloplaces the application in condition for allowance; (2) a No a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliantime periods:  | wing replies: (1) an amendment, aff<br>otice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in c  | fidavit, or other evider<br>compliance with 37 C           | nce, which<br>FR 41.31; or (3)            |  |  |  |  |
| a) $\boxtimes$ The period for reply expires $\underline{3}$ months from the mailing date   | e of the final rejection.  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this A no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 7   | ater than SIX MONTHS from the mailing (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE   | g date of the final rejecti                                | on.                                       |  |  |  |  |
| Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date nave been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of exunder 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office late may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b) | on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.1<br>dension and the corresponding amount<br>shortened statutory period for reply orig<br>r than three months after the mailing da  | of the fee. The approprinally set in the final Offi        | ate extension fee<br>ce action; or (2) as |  |  |  |  |
| NOTICE OF APPEAL  2. The Notice of Appeal was filed on A brief in complishing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any external and the Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed AMENDMENTS  | ension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to   | avoid dismissal of th                                      |   |  |  |  |  |
| 3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection,  | but prior to the date of filing a brief,   | , will <u>not</u> be entered b                             | ecause                                    |  |  |  |  |
| (a) They raise new issues that would require further co  |  | TE below);   |   |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>(b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below)</li> <li>(c) They are not deemed to place the application in be appeal; and/or</li> </ul>   |  | ducing or simplifying                                      | the issues for                            |  |  |  |  |
| (d) They present additional claims without canceling a   |  | ected claims.  |   |  |  |  |  |
| NOTE: (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).   |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| <ol> <li>The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.1</li> <li>Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s)</li> </ol>  |  | empliant Amendment   | (PTOL-324).                               |  |  |  |  |
| <ol> <li>Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be a non-allowable claim(s).</li> </ol>  |  | timely filed amendme                                       | ent canceling the                         |  |  |  |  |
| 7.  For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) how the new or amended claims would be rejected is pro The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: Claim(s) allowed: <u>none</u> .  |  | II be entered and an e                                     | explanation of                            |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) objected to:  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) rejected: <u>1-3 and 7-14</u> . Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 3. The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, be because applicant failed to provide a showing of good an was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).   | ut before or on the date of filing a North date of the affidate of the affidat | otice of Appeal will <u>no</u><br>vit or other evidence is | t be entered necessary and                |  |  |  |  |
| The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing<br>entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to<br>showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessar  | overcome <u>all</u> rejections under apper<br>y and was not earlier presented. S   | al and/or appellant fai<br>ee 37 CFR 41.33(d)(             | ls to provide a                           |  |  |  |  |
| I0. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation<br>REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER  | on of the status of the claims after e   | ntry is below or attach                                    | ied.                                      |  |  |  |  |
| <ol> <li>The request for reconsideration has been considered by<br/><u>The final rejection is believed to have been proper.</u></li> </ol>   | ut does NOT place the application in   | n condition for allowar                                    | nce because:                              |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s).</li> <li>13. ☑ Other: See Continuation Sheet.</li> </ul>   | (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)  | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1                      |   |  |  |  |  |
| S. 24 Caron Goo Communication Officer.   |  | Jeffrey D. Carlson<br>Primary Examiner                     |   |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |

Art Unit: 3622

Continuation of 13. Other: Applicant contends that claim 14 is definite. Examiner disagrees. This claim should be further defining an element of the system of claim 12 (i.e. a server), rather than describing device display capabilities or redemption capabilities admittedly outside of the claim scope. What is being further defined.